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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: AUF DER HEIDE et al.

Group Art Unit: 1794

Application No.: 10/570,930

Examiner: M. L. Jacobson

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For: SMOKE

SMOKE-PERMEABLE POLYAMIDE

BASED FOOD CASING

DO NOT ENTER: /M.J./

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Commissioner for Patents Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Charlotte, North Carolina April 14, 2009

Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated December 5, 2008, kindly consider the following amendments and remarks. Also enclosed is a Petition for a two-month Extension of time, extending the due date to May 6, 2009.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on Page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on Page 5 of this paper.